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NOTE TO RECIPIENTS: This is the final issue. Some of the intelligence production which heretofore would have been carried in the Eastern European Intelligencer will now be published in the National Intelligence Daily, the CIB (which will soon become the National Intelligence Bulletin, and the Division's new regional publication titled, Staff Notes: USSR and East Europe. The first issue of the Staff Notes will appear on January 14.

Poland-West Germany: Fighting Detente

The arrest in West Berlin of Polish diplomat Eugeniusz Pieluzek, the "shipping attache" in East Berlin, on January 10, has been sharply protested by the Polish regime. Details of his transgressions have been lacking, but local authorities would normally not violate procedures without due cause. Nonetheless, Polish spokesmen are saying that Western security forces have been overly zealous.

The crucial point is that outstanding issues between West Germany and Poland currently seem to be subject to negotiation. Such incidents as the Pieluzek case are inclined to prejudice the resolution of such problems as the release of German expatriates from Poland and the extension of extensive West German credits to Warsaw.

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Bulgarian Local Elections Scheduled for Sunday

Bulgarians will go to the polls on January 13 to elect delegates to local government administrative units, the people's councils. All candidates are members of the Fatherland Front, a Communist party-dominated mass organization, though not all are party members. Candidates purportedly represent a cross section of the population, but include an unusually large representation from the construction and building industries.

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Despite initial plans to hold this election under a new procedure, which was much touted in late 1972, a new electoral law failed to materialize and has not even been mentioned during the election campaign of the past few months. The proposed law would have revamped the structure of the national councils to give local organizations greater autonomy, especially in economic planning. There is no indication whether it ran into bureaucratic roadblocks or was quietly killed.

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French Leader is Received in East Berlin

Edgar Faure, President of the French National Assembly, is visiting the GDR. His counterpart, Gerald Goetting, President of the Volkskammer, said in a toast at dinner on January 10, that detente is making progress, realistic prospects exist for a lasting peace in Europe, and the East Germans "fully appreciate the role played by France, one of the first countries to set out on the path of constructive cooperation between states with different social systems." Faure replied that a structure of peace was taking place and relations between France and the GDR and their parliaments should proceed on this basis.

Last November, in Paris, Faure was one of the most prominent Frenchmen to address the French national conference "for the development of exchanges and cooperation with the GDR." Although the two countries have established diplomatic relations, they have not yet exchanged ambassadors.

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Yugoslavs Support Oil Price Increases

Belgrade has further underlined its unqualified support for the Arabs in a Politika article stressing the "full economic, political and moral right" of the Arab countries to increase the price of their oil.

Tito's desire to win as many points as possible with the Arabs no doubt inspired this most recent statement of support. He is motivated not only by continuing pretensions to leadership of the nonaligned movement, but also by the wish to insure adequate oil supplies for Yugoslavia in the future. The recent conclusion of agreements with Libya and Algeria to increase oil supplies to Yugoslavia bear out Tito's strongly pro-Arab stance.

The article also chided the United States about reported proposals for economic or military reprisals against the

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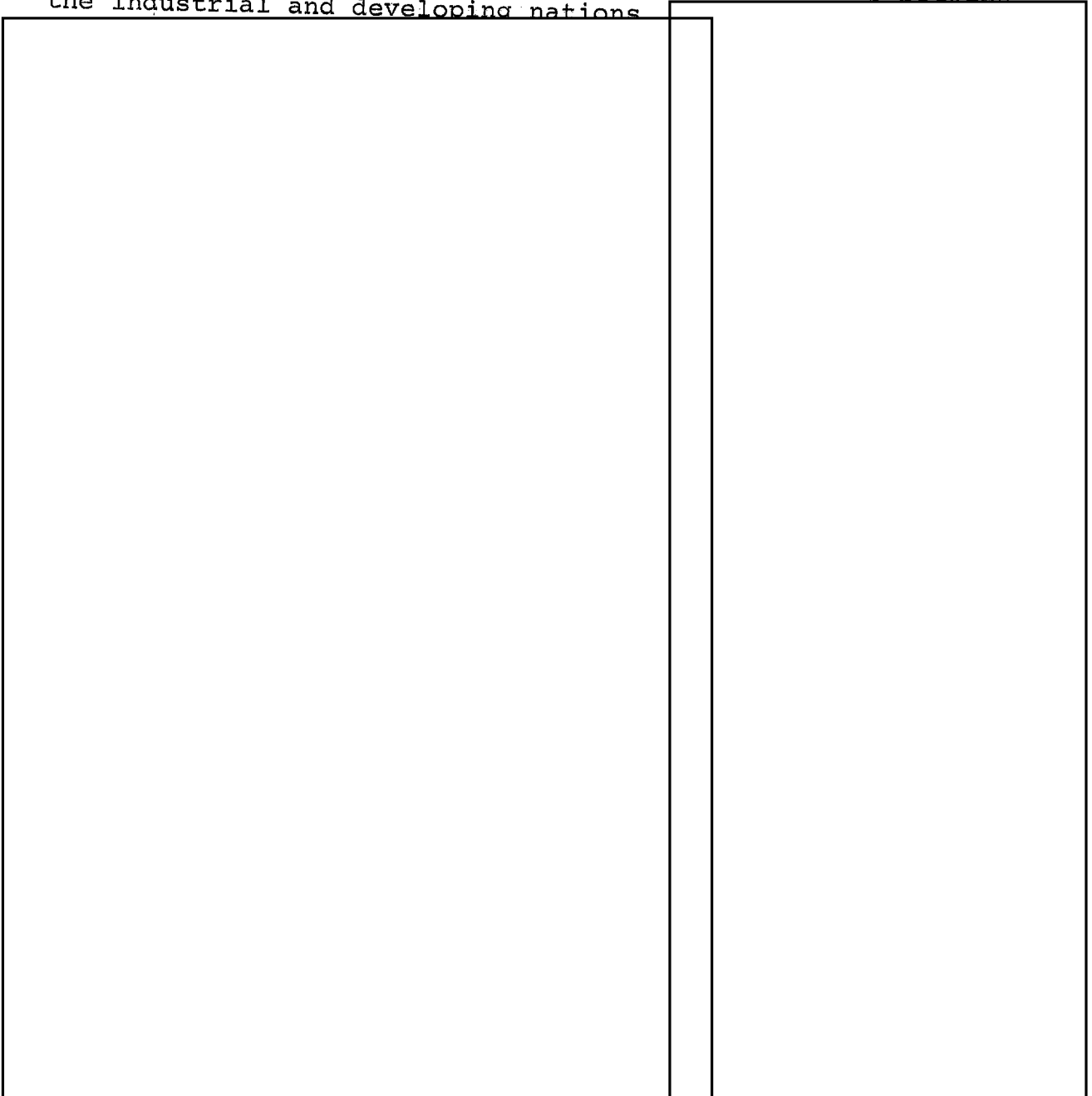
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Arabs in the event the oil embargo is not abandoned. These proposals were noted to be in sharp contrast with the French approach advocating a revision of economic relations between the industrial and developing nations

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